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Subject: Invitation to online briefings on the outcomes of the fifteenth meetings of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and the Chemical Review Committee

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions has the pleasure to invite you to an online briefing on the outcome of the **fifteenth meetings of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC) of the Stockholm Convention and the Chemical Review Committee (CRC) of the Rotterdam Convention.**

Objectives

The online briefings will provide an overview of the outcomes of the fifteenth meetings of the POPRC and CRC, held respectively on 1 to 4 October and 8 to 10 October 2019, in Rome, Italy.

Content

1. Introduction - 5 min.
2. Presentations by the Secretariat on the following topics:
 - o Fifteenth meeting of the POPRC – 15 min.
 - o Fifteenth meeting of the CRC – 15 min.
3. Questions and Answers - 25 min.

Background

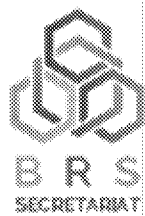
The fifteenth meeting of the POPRC of the Stockholm Convention was held from 1 to 4 October 2019 at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy. At this meeting, the Committee adopted the risk management evaluation on perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds and recommended to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing the chemicals in Annex A to the Convention without specific exemptions. The Committee also agreed that Dechlorane Plus and Methoxychlor met the screening criteria in Annex D moving those chemicals to the next review stage requiring a draft risk profile, that includes information requirements specified in Annex E to the Convention, to be prepared by intersessional working groups established for this purpose. The Committee also agreed to establish intersessional working groups on decabromodiphenyl ether and on short-chain chlorinated paraffins to undertake the activities specified in paragraph 5 of decisions SC-8/13 and SC-8/14, on review of information related to specific exemptions for these chemicals, and adopted the workplans for the intersessional period between the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Committee.

The fifteenth meeting of the CRC of the Rotterdam Convention was held at the same venue as POPRC-15 from 8 to 10 October 2019. At this meeting, the Committee recommended listing decabromodiphenyl ether in Annex III to the Convention. The Committee furthermore adopted a draft decision guidance document for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds and decided to forward the chemicals to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, together with a recommendation to list them in Annex III to the Convention. The Committee also agreed on updates to the Handbook of Working Procedures and Policy Guidance for the Chemical Review Committee.

Date and Time (UTC/GMT+1h)	Registration link
Monday, 28 October, 16:00	Register
Tuesday, 29 October, 10:00	Register

We look forward to welcoming you online.

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